

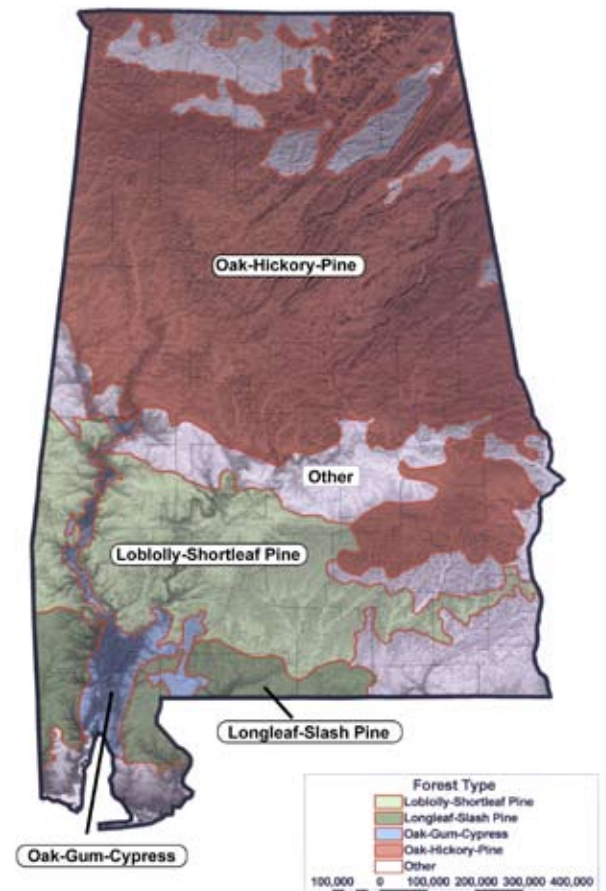
Alabama Forest Industry

(Including: pulp & paper products, lumber & wood products, and furniture & fixtures)

Summary

- ❖ Alabama's forest land covers more acres than the size of Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island combined. A total of 44 percent of the state's forest land is hardwood stands, 40 percent is pine stands, and 16 percent is comprised of mixed stands of pine and hardwood. The state's forest resources support world-class forest products industries with about 23 million acres of commercial timberland, the 2nd largest in the U.S.
- ❖ The forest industry is the state's largest manufacturing industry, producing an estimated \$15.39 billion worth of products in 2005.
- ❖ There are approximately 850 active forest products manufacturing operations in the state.
- ❖ The value of forest products exported in 2006 was \$1.1 billion, ranking in the top five largest exporting industries in the state.
- ❖ Lumber and wood products industries produced an estimated \$5.22 billion worth of products in 2005.
- ❖ Pulp and paper products industries produced an estimated \$7.83 billion worth of products in 2005.
- ❖ Furniture and fixtures industries produced an estimated \$2.34 billion worth of products in 2005.

(Source: Auburn University Forest Products Development Center, Alabama Forestry Commission, 2005 Forestry Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Statistics)



Employment

- ❖ Alabama's forests are growing more trees than ever recorded. These forests support 48,000 people who are directly employed with forest-based companies and 100,000 people who are indirectly dependent upon the forest industry.

Outlook/Trends

- ❖ The lumber and wood products industry output increased by 5.7 percent in 2004 to \$1.5 billion
- ❖ Total hardwood volume in Alabama is 17,932.9 million cubic feet & total pine volume is 13,637.8 million cubic feet
- ❖ For the period 2000 to 2005, hardwood growth exceeded hardwood removals by 164 million cubic feet or 36.1%
- ❖ Also during this period, pine growth exceeded pine removals by 176.6 million cubic feet or 20.3 %

Helpful Websites:

Auburn University Forest Products Development Center
www.sfws.auburn.edu
Alabama Center for Advanced Woodworking Technology
www.acawt.org
Alabama Forestry Commission
www.forestry.state.al.us
Alabama State Port Authority
www.asdd.com
Center for Alternative Fuels
http://www.agi.alabama.gov/alternative_fuels
Alabama International Trade Center
<http://www.aipc.ua.edu/>